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FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8102

AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY

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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GOC ARMS IMPORTS

REF: ATHENS 0057; ANKARA 0085

1. IN VIEW AMEMBASSY ATHENS CONFIRMATION TO GOG THAT
USG HAS MADE DEMARCHU TO GOCYPRUS OVER ALLEGED ARMS
IMPORTS (ATHENS 0057), RECOGNIZE AMEMBASSY ANKARA'S
PROBLEM RETAINING CREDIBILITY WITH GOT IF WE CONTINUE*
AVOID DISCUSSING **SUE.*BELIEVE ANKARA SHOULD B
AUTHORIZED INFORM *URKS THAT USG *AS BEEN CONCERNED ABOU*
REPOR*S OF ARMS *MPORTS AND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOC
AND UN ICYP. ASSUME ANKARA*WILL STRESS USG OPPOSITION
TO ANY IMPORTATION OF ARMS ONTO CYPRUS.

2. IN DISCUSSING ABOVE WITH GOT OFFICIALS, SHOULD MAKE
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CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NO RPT NO REPORTS OF ANY CURRENT IM-

PORTATION SNAPPER (SAZ-69) ANTI-TANK MISSILES. (FYI -
BARUTCU STORY PARTLY CORRECT, BUT WE DO NOT THINK REPORTED
SNAPPER'S ARE NEWLY ARRIVED. WE HAVE ASSUMED (WITH-
OUT ABSOLUTE PROOF) THAT NATIONAL GUARD HAS HAD S*ME
SNAPPER-TYPE MISSILES IN INVENTORY FOR YEARS--SEE
ORDER OF BATTLE SUMMARY, FOREIGN GROUND FORCES
DI-220-X82-72. END F*I)

3. STILL BELIEVE IT UNWISE FOR US TO BRIEF EITHER GREEKS OR
TURKS IN DETAIL ON USG INFO RE ARMS IMPORTS, OR TO IODICATE
THAT WE HAVE SOLID INFORMATION. TURKS, IN PARTICULAR,
LIKELY READ OUR CONFIRMATION (HOWEVER QUALIFIED) OF ANY
ARMS IMPORTATION AS CONFIRMATION WHOLE SPATE UNFOUNDED
RUMORS CIRCULATING AROUND INGROWN NICOSIA DIPLOMATIC
COMMUNITY. FEEL THIS WOULD FAN ISSUE OUT OF TRUE
PROPORTIONS.
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